GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:394
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GREENFIELD AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Greenfield airports in the country and the status of expansion of old airports under construction, including Jharkhand;

(b) the details of proposals pending with the Government for construction of second airport in the State of Jharkhand at Deoghar;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time-frame for completion of the above airport projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not,the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the Government`s share and the State Government`s share for the construction of new airport in Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of Starred () Question No.394 regarding Greenfield Airports for 07.09.2012

(a): There are three Greenfield airports in the country, namely, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad (Hyderabad), Bangalore International Airport, Devenahalli (Bangalore) and Cochin International Airport, Cochin, and they are all operational. Development of airports is a continuous process which takes into account the commercial viability, traffic potential / demands, commitment of airlines to operate through the specific airports, etc. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already developed 40 non-metro airports to handle the ever increasing passenger traffic. Status of the 40 non-metro airports including one in Jharkhand is at Annexure-I.

(b), (c), (d) & (e): An MoU was signed on 16.02.2012 between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Government of Jharkhand for development of a Greenfield airport at Deoghar. In terms of the MoU, the Government of Jharkhand is to provide 659 acres of land and a financial assistance of Rs. 50 crores to the airport project. In the first phase, the airport is to be developed for operation of ATR type of smaller aircrafts. The cost of the first phase of project is estimated at Rs. 250 crores. The State Government is in the process of acquiring the land. After the land is acquired and handed over to AAI, further action for obtaining `in-principle` approval from the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the project would be taken by AAI.